



Peace Corps/Jordan Overview

The Peace Corps/Jordan program was established in 1996. Since the first Volunteers arrived in 1997, over 437 have served. Currently there are 60 Volunteers working in three projects: TEFL Education, Special Education, and Youth Development.

PC Jordan Projects:

Youth Development - YD

- Promote healthy life styles
- Increase organizational capacity of youth centers
- Encourage leadership and volunteerism in Jordanian youth




English Education - TEFL

- Provide primary/secondary instruction
- Enhance capacity of local teachers
- Upgrade educational facilities in schools

Special Education – SE

- Increase social awareness of the disabled
- Improve skills of caregivers
- Develop teaching/training materials

PC Jordan Ministry Partners:

-  Higher Council for Youth
-  Ministry of Education
-  Ministry of Social Development

PC Jordan Initiatives:

Information and Communication Technologies - Volunteers train teachers and youth in basic computer skills such as word processing and use of the Internet improving both their English fluency and access to information.

Gender and Development - As schools and youth centers are gender separated; Volunteers serve as gender role models, promoting such issues as empowerment and leadership. Following the reentry in FY04, Post recently reestablished a GAD Committee to be a resource for Volunteers encouraging a gender consideration in their activities.

Youth Development - Volunteers focus on community outreach, youth leadership, life skills, encouraging volunteerism in the community, and promoting the youth center as a viable institution for developmental learning.

FY'09 Project Outcomes:

Volunteers assisted in building the capacity of more than 7,071 individuals, 589 service providers in 82 organizations and 87 communities throughout Jordan.

Basic Peace Corps Jordan Facts







Volunteers since 1997	437
Current Serving Volunteers	60
Married Couples	4

Project Statistics:	<u>PCVs</u>
Youth Development (YD)	18
English Education (TEFL)	25
Special Education (SE)	17

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Partners in Development

-  USAID
-  Special Olympics
-  Operation Smile
-  Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Development
-  UNIFEM
-  FAO